



**East Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2015**

6:00 Town Hall Hearing Room

Present: George Kingston, Mary Ellen Goodrow, Ralph Page, Bill Caplin, Thomas Kaye, Lynne Booth

Absent: Anthony Zampiceni, Tom Wilson, Tom O'Brien

1. 6 pm: Meeting called to order. The School Committee was also meeting with the CPC; that meeting was also called to order.

2. Richard Freccero, a member of the school committee presented three proposals for additional and replacement play equipment at the town's three elementary schools. These proposals have been presented in detail in writing for perusal prior to meeting. Mr. Fredette (principal) outlined the proposal for Mapleshade, updated cost estimate from \$27,105 down to \$18,170.04. Ms. Santaniello (principal) outlined the Mountain View proposal (\$51,162). Ms. Dakin (principal) outlined the Meadow Brook proposal (\$78,672).

3. Points for discussion among board members included ADA compliance, priority from recreation department/commission, possible PTO funding/fundraising, high costs, and why this is not covered in the school budget. Playscapes have been requested in school budget and capital planning committee, but have not been a priority and thus not funded for many years. Sue Mantoni, (parent in audience) spoke of her conversations with playscape companies, Tom Kaye spoke of the discussions with the recreation commission. They see a need, but not a necessarily a priority since they were not specifically and formally approached by the school committee regarding this proposal.. George Kingston spoke of the option of discussing this at the October meeting with more detail included or changes in proposal by the school committee.

4. Tom Kaye moved to approve proposal not to exceed \$150,000. Seconded. Passed 5 to 1.

Yea: Tom Kaye, Mary Ellen Goodrow, George Kingston, Bill Caplin, Lynne. Nay: Ralph Page

5. Five minute recess, reconvened at 7:17pm

6. Approval of minutes from April 1st 2015. Passed by with one abstention from Bill Caplin.

7. Ralph discussed the creation of the open space and recreation plan. This should be done every five years and the last one was created in 2000. No idea yet of the cost. Ralph proposed a motion to use funds not to exceed \$5000 from administrative funds for this purpose. Passed unanimously.

8. Bill Houle from the fire department came before the board to discuss restoration of East Longmeadow's first fire engine, which is ninety years old. Proposal handed out to members. They are requesting \$25,000 from CPC historical funds to begin the restoration. Two bids shown to the board with the total cost estimated at \$28,400 but is highly variable because of the nature

of this type of restoration and the rarity of companies that do restorations. They also will integrate fundraising for the continued restoration. George Kingston mentioned that there would need to be a historical restriction placed on the truck if CPC funds are used. It would be necessary for the historical commission to rule this is historically valuable. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

9. Tom Kaye provided an update on Heritage Park. Berkshire Design Group has been chosen for a design plan. He passed around the property study booklet.

10. Motion to adjourn approved unanimously at 7:50.

Submitted by M. Goodrow.